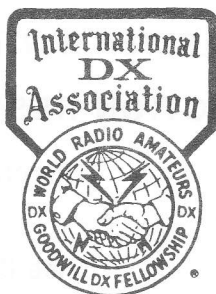


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D2/LU6ELF



Most armchair DXers are concerned mainly with making the needed contact then moving on to other ventures. Most are not concerned with how the DX station got on the air. Most assume it was well planned and somehow it all worked. Some even complain about the frequencies, signal strength and how many days it took them to find him.

Not all rare/semi-rare DXpeditions are the same. Some do not have the big rigs and antennas, and have other obligations other than working you on 20 meters!

A prime example is **Jorge Lopez, LU6ELF**. He had none of the above and he certainly wasn't on a DXpedition. His military unit was transferred to Angola, and he was expected to work a normal 6 to 7 day week. His main interest in amateur radio was communications with his family back in Argentina. He had little interest in being a DXer.

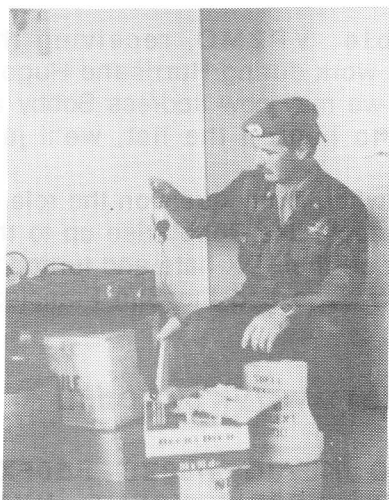
Once in Angola, he had problems obtaining a license. Every query to the PTT came back "no". After many discussions with the Minister heading up the PTT, he found a way around the red tape. Jorge learned how to negotiate, and discovered that the key is that both sides must gain something!

Now licensed, he was forced to wait until the military radio was free, retuned it for the ham bands, and operated only when the AC generator was running. All that hooked to a dipole just high enough for a zebra to pass under!

Jorge was achieving his goal - dependable communication with his family. Yet he quickly became aware that many amateurs needed him for a new one. His limited English kept the qsos to quick "hellos" and 5-9s and little more. But it is enough. It became obvious that Jorge needed help. There was little hope with his operations tied to the military rigs. That's when **INDEXA** was contacted.

Soon a rig and a three element beam was headed for Angola. An order was placed for the needed QSL cards. D2/LU6ELF was a real ham station!

One photograph shows Jorge puzzling out the measurements on the beam. The second photo shows his shack - a converted storage room. His chair is a 5 gallon oil drum, and the table for the rig is the shipping carton for the gear. The table for the log is none other than a treasured case of imported Beck's Bier (beer). Remember those negotiations?



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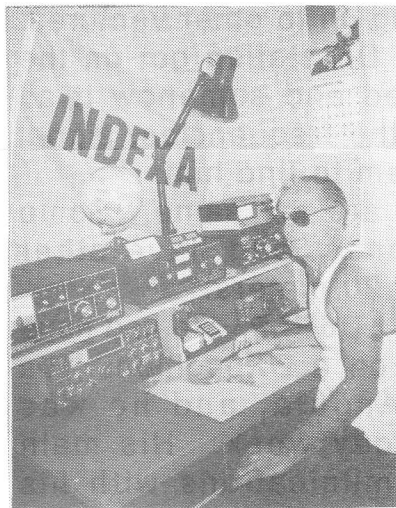
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NEW INDEXA FLAG

Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, who's given many amateur that "new one" over the years, is shown with the new **INDEXA** flag. It has black letters on a yellow background and measures 2 X 3 feet.

Look for this flag flying on future rare DXpeditions. We'll have the photos here in the newsletter and in your favorite magazines. Its because of the organization and your support under the charter that allows **INDEXA** to support such operations.

We don't know who will be the first **ZA** station, but we have a complete station and a flag ready for the DXpedition. We've asked that the equipment be accepted as a donation from all amateurs in the world and be set up as a club station for all amateurs to use.

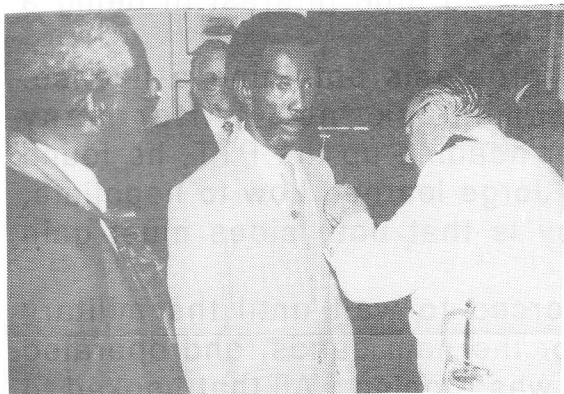
This is your support at work, my friends. TNX

Errol Martin, BME

Here is our friend **Bobbie, VP2MO**, receiving the **British Empire Metal** for his work during Hurricane Hugo.

By the order of the Queen, we may now address Bobby as "Sir Errol", but after listening to him on the net, we'll just stick with Bobby!

Congratulations! At a time when many question the role of amateur radio in emergencies, people like Bobby rise up to the task. Many of our members took off their DX hats and turned to emergency communication during Hugo and the San Francisco earthquake.



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These amateurs show that they believe in the goals of **INDEXA**. They are all members who've gone a step further with support for the enhancement of **INDEXA** support for worldwide DX. TNX

New Life Members

WF2S N7DYT NQ1W N4KED WA8MEM W6MHT W1SK WA1LNP JA7DCD KA6RXX KEØWM DF4FO NW3H VE3NN DJ7UO NO2N KP4PI NØFYR CP5LE VE7EOF VE7AUX DL8KBW

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OP: ERIK BJORCK

ERIC, WZ6C/ST4 found time for a little mobile operation while in the Sudan. That's the good news! The biggest problem was locating an automobile and a whip! What good is a real DXer who can't overcome a few minor problems?

If you had a QSO with Eric while he was mobile and lost him, there's a good reason! One end of the dipole support (camel and driver) got ahead of the operator and changed the orientation of the antenna from E-W to N-S! Let's see, Ahab. Nose toward the sand dune in JA; toward the oasis is W & K!

If you missed Eric in the Sudan, you may have a chance of working him from Bangladesh. He will be in **S2** for four years, and as with his Sudan operation, he'll be supported by **INDEXA**. He doesn't plan to take gear on his first trip to Bangladesh, to keep from having it taken as it was when he left the Sudan.

He plans to contact **INDEXA** when he has the S2 ticket in hand and then we'll ship out the rig and beam. As in the past, the QSL route will be via **JOHN, W4FRU**.

IN MEMORIUM

Carl Huskey, WA4BCQ, is now a silent key. He chose to devote his time to a hobby he loved, amateur radio. He was one of those special people who gave so much to **INDEXA**, yet was always a friendly QSO. His manner of handling the information net generated many letters and comments that made us all proud to have him as part of our group. He never had a harsh word on the air, even when pushed! Carl knew how to turn the other cheek and base his life on kindness and friendship to those on the air.

Carl believed in our hobby and **INDEXA**. He was a LIFE member and he worked to help many people with financial and logistic problems. In addition to his time, he gave funds to underwrite many memberships, and brought many deserving members on board.

In Carl's memory, the following donated funds to support deserving amateurs with **INDEXA** member-ship. **W6CNA AA7AV W7LR W1WRN K7LJQ W3KRB N3CHB NS6B**. We miss you Carl. SK

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